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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/772,489 | SIEMENS ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Daniel I. Walsh | 2876 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12-1-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-5,7,9 and 11-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment received on 1 December 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 11-15 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art, in conjunction with all the limitations of the subject claim(s) and any claim(s) upon which the subject claims depend: a remote processor which can communicate with the local processor, and wherein the user must be approved before the deposit taking system opens a respective one of the processor controlled deposit openings, and wherein the local processor requests approval for the user from the remote processor and the remote processor responds to the local processor with a communication of an approval or rejection of the user and wherein the remote processor evaluates the status information and responds to the local processor with a communication to cease accepting further deposits, and wherein the remote processor also communicates a request to a service provider to provide service to the deposit taking system and wherein the means for opening a respective one of the processor controller deposit openings of one of the processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as a customer of one financial institution and another of the processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as the user is a customer of another financial institution (as per claim 1), and that opening of one of the processor controlled deposit openings opens one of the processor controlled deposit openings in the event

that the user is identified as a customer of one financial institution and another of the processor controlled deposit openings in the event the user is identified as the user is a customer of another financial institution (as per claim 13).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Additional Remarks

4. The Examiner notes that the prior art to Hughes (US 2004/0210515) teaches controlling access to safes based on the financial institution of the depositor, but does not qualify as prior art due to the foreign priority date of the current application.

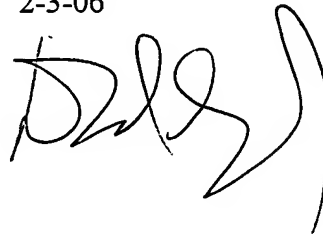
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Daniel I. Walsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-2409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Daniel I Walsh
Examiner
Art Unit 2876
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Walsh', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.